

could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 351.213.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-822]

Certain Helical Spring Lock Washers From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final results of the fifth review of the antidumping order on certain helical spring lock washers from the People's Republic of China. The period of review is October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sally Hastings or Annika O'Hara, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3464 or (202) 482-3798, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("the Act"), (i.e., November 10, 1999), the Department of Commerce ("that Department") is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until May 8, 2000.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: October 29, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-833]

Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Not Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Negative Critical Circumstances Determination: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From Taiwan

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to Department of Commerce (Department) regulations refer to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (April 1998).

Preliminary Determination

We preliminarily determine that certain polyester staple fiber (PSF) from Taiwan is not being sold, nor is likely to be sold, in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 733(b) of the Act.

Case History

This investigation was initiated on April 22, 1999. *See Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From the Republic of Korea and Taiwan*, 64 FR 23053 (April 29, 1999) (*Initiation Notice*). Since the initiation of this investigation, the following events have occurred:

On May 17, 1999, the United States International Trade Commission (the ITC) preliminarily determined that there is a reasonable indication that imports of the product under investigation are

materially injuring the United States industry.

In the *Initiation Notice* and in a letter dated May 24, 1999, the Department solicited comments on the scope of the investigation and matching criteria. We received comments on the scope of the investigation and matching criteria from various interested parties May 12, 1999 through June 7, 1999. On June 2, 1999, the Department issued antidumping questionnaires to the two largest producers/exporters of subject merchandise (i.e., Far Eastern Textile Ltd. (Far Eastern) and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation (Nan Ya), collectively referred to as "the respondents"), as indicated by information on the record of the proceeding at that time.

The respondents submitted their initial responses to the questionnaire July 2 through 29, 1999. The petitioners submitted comments on these responses. After analyzing the responses and the petitioners' comments, we issued supplemental questionnaires to the respondents on August 6, 1999. We received the narrative responses to these supplemental questionnaires August 12 through 27, 1999, and the associated databases on September 3, 1999. On September 14, 1999, we asked respondents to provide explanations for all of the updates and changes to their databases submitted September 3, 1999. The respondents submitted their explanations on September 17 and 20, 1999. On October 13, 1999, the petitioners submitted additional comments on respondents' questionnaire responses. The Department issued another supplemental questionnaire to Nan Ya on October 19, 1999. On October 25, 1999, Nan Ya responded to the last supplemental questionnaire. In addition, the Department requested certain documentation from Nan Ya on September 16, 1999; Nan Ya supplied these documents on October 26, 1999.

The petitioners submitted an allegation that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of PSF from Taiwan on July 30, 1999. On August 6, 1999, the Department issued critical circumstances questionnaires as part of the supplemental questionnaires.

On August 25, 1999, at the request of the petitioners, the Department extended the preliminary determination until no later than September 29, 1999. *See Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determinations: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea and Taiwan*, 64 FR 47766 (September 1, 1999). On September 29, 1999, the petitioners requested another extension. In response, the Department extended